THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) There is no spot yet selected.

" (*b*) No date has been fixed approximate or precise.

" (*c*) *to* (*g*) The foundation will not affect any one adversely. Details of the scheme are being examined. Every such work almost always means displacement of some people and adequate compensation and rehabilitation. The precise scope of the project has yet to be decided."

SRI K. MOOKKIAH THEVAR :—" இந்த அணைக்கட்டினால் பாதிக்கப்பட்ட மக்களுக்கு, அந்த அணைக்கட்டிற்கு பின்னால் நீர்ப்பாசன வசதி பெருகிற காலி நிலங்களை ஒதுக்கிக் கொடுக்க அரசாங்கம் ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have already replied that adequate compensation and rehabilitation will be provided for."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" In view of the scramble for lands in this area by the capitalist community, to get a fit compensation later on or to get the monopoly of the lands under assured irrigation will the Government prohibit by an Ordinance the purchase and sale of lands in this area within a reasonable radius for a reasonable period."

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The Government will consider this suggestion, Sir."

Maintenance of roads in Kurumbranad taluk.

* 358 *Q.*—SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state— 9–10 a.m.

(*a*) how many miles of roads in Kurumbranad taluk are under the jurisdiction of the Highways Department;

(*b*) whether the Nadarikadavu road in Quilandy firka in North Malabar is under the jurisdiction of the Highways Department, and whether the Government have any plan to repair it; and

(*c*) what measures have been adopted to construct a road from Kuttiyadi to Wynaad linking up the taluks of Kurumbranad and Wynaad?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Thirty-five miles.

" (*b*) The road is not under the jurisdiction of the Highways Department. The Government, however, sanctioned a grant for the District Board for improving this road. The work is almost completed except for a small portion lying within the Railway limits. The question of improving this portion of the road within Railway limits is under correspondence between the District Board and the Railway authorities."

" (*c*) It is proposed to consider this work under the second quinquennium of Post-War Road Development."

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SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP :—" The Kuttiyadi-Wynaad road being the shortest route connecting Wynaad and Kurumbranad taluks and in view of the large volume of traffic along this route, will the Government give priority to this scheme and take it up immediately? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Under the Planning Commission's Five-Year Plan, for the period 1951–56, Rs. 238 lakhs have been provided for and that sum is not adequate even for the works already sanctioned. So, it will not be possible for this work to be included in that and it is also not possible to take up the work under the Post-War Development Plan. It will not also be possible for the Malabar District Board to take up new works from its funds as the financial position of the district board under the general account is not satisfactory. But, as I have already pointed out, this work can be taken up in the second quinquennium of Post-War Road Development only."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" In view of the fact that the district boards are bankrupt, that they are financially unsound and that the roads constructed go into disuse on account of lack of finance with them, will the Government consider the desirability of shifting the whole responsibility of maintenance and construction of roads to the Highways Department? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It is a question of policy which the Government will certainly be going into shortly."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Wynaad and Kuttiyadi are backward areas and full of natural wealth, and it will be proper that high priority should be given to opening up and exploiting those areas. In view of these special considerations, would the Government manage to see that funds are found for this small scheme of construction of a road between Kuttiyadi and Wynaad? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Certainly, we will consider that aspect of the question if our finances permit."

Special Honorary Presidency Magistrates' Courts in the City.

* 359 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM (on behalf of Sri S. Deivasigamany) : Will the Hon. the Minister ror Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) the present number of the Special Honorary Presidency Magistrates' Courts in the City of Madras; and

(*b*) whether any of the Honorary Presidency Magistrates in the City receive any kind of allowances?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" (*a*) There are five Special Honorary Presidency Magistrates'